

Abstract of the Ordinances,

In relation to

NUISANCE,

And Rules for the

Prevention of Disease,

AND FOR DISINFECTION.

Issued by the

BOARD OF HEALTH,

OF THE

City of New Britain.

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DEAR SIR:

Your attention is called to the enclosed notice of the Committee on Health.

Sanitary science has proved that many of the diseases that prevail in this city are preventable and controllable by the observance of hygienic laws. That diphteria, meningitis, scarlet, typhoid and malarial fevers are propagated and fostered by their specific characters and external surroundings is no longer a question. Accordingly ordinances are passed, and boards of health instituted that neither ignorance nor neglect may be suffered to sow the seeds and reap the harvests of disease and death. To disseminate this knowledge and to carry out the necessary measures, the extract from "Nuisance Ordinances," passed by the City Council is printed below, and appended to it such plain instructions with regard to the use and cost of disinfectants as will enable each well disposed citizen to do his part towards checking these preventable visitations.

The Board earnestly solicit, and confidently expect all the assistance necessary in carrying on this unpleasant gratuitous labor. If these ordinances are violated and the requirements of the Board neglected, the City Attorney will take immediate steps for the removal of the causes complained of.

EXTRACT FROM CHAPTER XI, ORDINANCES OF CITY OF NEW BRITAIN.

SECTION 1. The following acts, when committed within said city, are declared to be acts of nuisance, to wit: keeping swine in any pen, sty,

or other place in such manner that the same shall become unwholesome or offensive to any person ; causing or permitting the accumulation, in any building, outhouse, yard, or enclosure, of any dung, filth, manure, offal, wash, dirty water, or brine, which shall become offensive to any person ; setting up or continuing any privy in such place or manner that the same shall become unwholesome or offensive to any person ; causing or permitting wash or dirty water to pass from yards or houses, through drains or otherwise, into any street, or upon any sidewalk of said city ; depositing any offal, dead animal, animal matter, decayed or decaying vegetable matter, or garbage, in any street, public park, stream, or pond in said city, or conveying through any street thereof any offal, or dead animal, unless covered from sight.

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And any person doing or committing any of said acts, or who shall knowingly aid or assist in the commission of the same, shall forfeit and pay a penalty of not more than twenty nor less than three dollars for each offense, and each day's continuance of any continuing nuisance, herein before mentioned, shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

SEC. 3. No person, without the consent of the Health Committee, shall convey the contents of any privy-vault, or cess-pool, through any street of said city, except in a tight box, and between the first day of November and the first day of April then next succeeding, and between the hours of nine and five o'clock, in the night season ; and any person so offending shall forfeit and pay a penalty of five dollars for each offense.

SEC. 4. No person, without the consent of the Health Committee, shall buid, or maintain any privy or cess-pool in said city, within twenty-five feet of any street line or dwelling house, or public building, nor without leaving at least two feet of solid earth or mason work, laid in cement, between such privy or cess-pool and the lot adjoining.

SEC. 5. No privy shall hereafter be erected or suffered to remain in said city, unless connected with some public sewer, or unless kept clean by means of fresh earth or other disinfectant, or without having a vault under the same of the depth of at least six feet of the full length and width of such privy, and closed up on all sides ; nor shall said vault be suffered to be at any time filled within three feet of the general surface of the ground around such privy ; and any person offending against the provisions of this section, and of section fourth of this ordinance, shall forfeit and pay a penalty of not less than five nor more than twenty dol-

lars for each offence, and each week's continuance thereof shall be deemed a separate offense.

DISINFECTANTS.

Fresh air, pure water, and sunlight, God's free gift to all, are the best and cheapest disinfectants. For artificial disinfectants, the following directions are submitted by the Board, as simple, effectual and cheap.

For disinfecting vaults for each family, a solution of 5 pounds copperas in 5 gallons of water, and the same for each cess-pool; to keep the same disinfected, pour a solution of half the strength into vaults, water closets, waste pipes, and sink drains, daily, or at least twice a week during the warm season. A mixture of 1 pint of carbolic acid to 5 gallons of water may be used for the same purposes, and also to disinfect foul grounds, stables, and heaps of manure and garbage.

For disinfecting sick, or unoccupied rooms and cellars, to destroy putrid gases, and to check putrefaction, use chloride of lime freely, in substance, or a solution of 1 pound, to 1 gallon of water.

To absorb odors from decaying animal and vegetable matters, use *freely* lime, charcoal, or dry earth enough to absorb all the moisture, applicable especially about stables, pig pens, hen yards and manure heaps.

EXPENSE.

By special arrangements with the druggists, the disinfectants will be supplied at the following very low prices:

Copperas, 10 lbs. and over,	3 cts. per lb.
Chloride of Lime, 1 lb. and over, (in 1 lb. pkgs.)	10 cts. per lb.
Carbolic Acid, (crude,) 1 pt. and over,	25 cts. per pt.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.